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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 29-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 29-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date January 23, 2004.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 29, 30, 34, 35 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lucas et al. (USPN 3,729,886).

In reference claims 29, 30, 34, 35 and 38, Lucas et al. discloses a method and apparatus for wrapping an elongated article (14), comprising: an advancing mechanism (8) engaged with an elongated article (14) in a direction along a longitudinal axis defined by the elongated article (14); a web supply arrangement (48); a web application arrangement (50, 52, 53); a bonding arrangement (64, 82, 83) for bonding the overlapping area of the web together to secure the one or more webs about the elongated article (14; column 3, lines 45-55; column 4, lines 20-28), wherein the bonding arrangement (20, 82, 83) includes an internal backing plate (97) located adjacent the elongated article (14) and underlying the overlapping area of the web, and a pressure application arrangement (83) that bears against the internal backing arrangement to secure the overlapping area (column 4, lines 60-64; column 5, lines 8-33), and an adhesive applicator (60).

3. Claims 29-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Louis et al. (USPN 5,979,145).

In reference claims 29-39, Louis et al. discloses an apparatus for wrapping an elongated article (1), comprising: an advancing mechanism (4, 6-11) engaged with an elongated article (1) in a direction along a longitudinal axis defined by the elongated article (1); a web supply

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arrangement (26) for supplying a first (25, 34) and second (25, 35) continuous web; a web application arrangement (3, 5); a bonding arrangement (figure 5) for bonding the overlapping area of the continuous webs (34, 35) together to secure the one continuous webs(34, 35) about the elongated article (1), wherein the bonding arrangement (figure 5) includes an internal backing plate (27, 30) located adjacent the elongated article (1) and underlying the overlapping area of the continuous webs (34, 35), and a rotatable pressure application member (29, 32) that bears against the internal backing plate (27, 30) to secure the overlapping area, and an adhesive applicator (33).

Conclusion

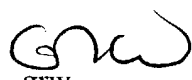
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Refer to attachment for notice of references cited and recommended for consideration based on their disclosure of limitations of the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gloria R Weeks whose telephone number is (703) 605-4211. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

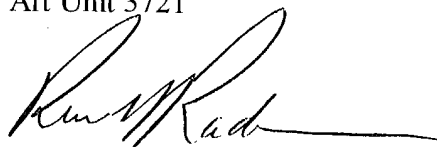
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I Rada can be reached on (703) 305-2187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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